Maintenance of Government quarters

1502. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by Government for maintenance of Government quarters;

(b) the details of the items which can be repaired/replaced without any charges;

(c) whether it is a fact that ceilling fan points were fitted in balconies of quarters but ceiling fans were not provided by the C.P.W.D. authorities; and

(d) whether Government will consider to provide ceiling fans in balconies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Government quarters are maintained on the basis of norms relating to expenditure, yardstick of amenities, finishes and periodicity of repairs approved by Government.

(b) All original installations in Government quarters which have worn out due to normal wear and tear in the course of time are repaired/replaced without any charge. However, consumables like fluorescent tubes, incandescent lamps are replaced by the allottees at their own cost.

(c) Yes, Sir. Ceiling fan points are provided in the balconies of quarters. The number of fans to be provided as per the yardstick are less in numbers than the ceiling fan points provided.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Demolition of houses in Khichripur, Delhi

1503. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has demolished the houses constructed on Khasra No. 317 which falls in the Abadi Area of Village Khichripur, Delhi instead of Khasra No. 311 and 316, which were acquired by the DDA;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government or proposed to be taken against DDA so as to ensure justice to the aggrieved party; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) No, Sir, DDA has reported that it has not demolished any houses constructed on Khasra No. 317 falling in Abadi Area of village Khichripur, Delhi.

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Residential assistance under basic minimum services

†1504. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether providing residential assistance to the poor is part of basic minimum services;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any action plan for implementation of the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (d) Housing is a State subject. The Government through the National Agenda for Governance have declared "Housing for All' as a priority area and has decided to focus on the housing needs of citizens in general and that of the poor and the deprived in particular. Towards this end, the Agenda sets a target of construction of additional 2 million houses (7 lakh in Urban areas and 13 lakh in Rural areas) every year. State-wise target under additional 2 million Housing Programme in urban areas is given in the enclosed Statement.

†Original notice of the question was reeceived in Hindi.